- There is an urgent need to incorporate deterrent measures against alienation of land belonging to Scheduled Tribes.
- A Central guidance be issued to the State Governments concerned so that the Provisions of the Panchayats (Extension to the Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 is effectively implemented.
- The Expert Group has urged the enactment by Parliament of an enabling legislation regarding alienation of land belonging to Scheduled Tribes making incorporation of the provisions of the enabling legislation as mandatory in all laws/regulations made by the respective State Governments in this regard.

Saline land in the country

†877. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some land of the country being saline is unfit for agriculture;

(b) if so, the State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether Government have chalked out any time-bound programme for making such land arable; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA): (a) As per the recent Wastelands Atlas of India-2005 brought out by the Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development in collaboration with the National Remote Sensing Agency (NRSA), Hyderabad using satellite imagery data, an area of 12.02 lakh ha. In the country is suffering from some degree of salinity/ alkalinity and is having lower agricultural productivity.

(b) The State-wise details on the extent of land affected by salinity/ alkalinity are given in the Statement. (*See* below)

(c) and (d) There is no specific programme for reclamation of the saline lands.

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†*Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.*

Statement

State-wise details on the extent of land affected by salinity/alkalinity

(in ha.)

Sl. No.	State Name	Land affected by salinity/alkalinity			Total
		Strong	Moderate	Slight	
1.	Andhra Pradesh	16145	26485	782	43412
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
3.	Assam	-	-	-	-
4.	Bihar	-	-	7620	7620
5.	Chhattisgarh	-	-	-	-
6.	Goa	-	-	-	-
7.	Gujarat	-	141164	-	141164
8.	Haryana	1112	4955	2036	8103
9.	Himachal Pradesh	-	-	-	-
10.	Jammu and Kashmir	-	-	-	-
11.	Jharkhand	-	-	-	-
12.	Karnataka	30	14123	2590	16743
13.	Kerala	-	-	-	-
14.	Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-
15.	Maharashtra	3802	1989	22822	28613
16.	Manipur	-	-	-	-
17.	Meghalaya	-	-	-	-
18.	Mizoram	-	-	-	-
19.	Nagaland	-	-	-	-
20.	Orissa	-	869	2395	3264
21.	Punjab	-	1607	116	1723
22.	Rajasthan	63360	65804	247408	376572
23.	Sikkim	-	-	-	-
24.	Tripura	-	-	-	-
25.	Tamil Nadu	16215	25717	47122	89054
26.	Uttaranchal	457	118	111	686
27.	Uttar Pradesh	155801	252128	76320	484249
28.	West Bengal	-	-	-	-
29.	Union Territory	47	4	1150	1201
	TOTAL	256969	534964	410472	1202405